

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Executive Office of Health and Human Services



Executive Order No. 536: Establishing the Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2008 Provider and Consumer Advisory Council

July 17, 2014

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Agenda

- Recent Activity
- Chapter 257 Current Status
- Chapter 257 in General Appropriations Act
- CommBuys and SDP Updates
- Update on Salary Snapshot Report
- UFR Revamp Effort



Recent Activity

“Regulated” Rates –

- Caring Together contracts implemented as of July 1st

Public Hearings –

- May 6th - Youth Intermediate-Term Stabilization (rate review)
- May 20th - Ambulatory, Driver Alcohol Ed, Opiate Treatment Services (rate review + some new)
- June 27th - Family Resource Centers
- July 2nd - Youth Short-Term Stabilization
- July 8th - Adult Homelessness Support
- July 11th - ASAP Bundled Rate Payments (rate review)

Provider Sessions –

- April 9th – Batterer Intervention Program (DPH)
- June 17th – Community Based Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Prevention Services (DCF and DPH)
- June 25th – Young Parent Program (DTA)
- July 9th – Residential Rehabilitation Programs (BSAS)
- July 29th – Community Service Network (DYS)

Chapter 257 – Current Status

The current Chapter 257 status is noted below –

Status	FY13 Spending	%	Overall
Regulated	\$1,633,442,665	73.0%	
Procurement	\$44,329,363	2.0%	75.0%
Hearing	\$16,603,125	0.7%	75.7%
Development	\$320,102,069	14.3%	90.0%
Planned	\$227,257,641	10.2%	
Grand Total	\$2,237,988,860		



Chapter 257 – Rate Reviews Underway

Hearings Held for –

- Youth Intermediate Term Stabilization (BSAS)
- Narcotic Treatment and Driver Alcohol Education (BSAS)
- ASAP Bundled Rates (Home Care and ECOP)

Active Reviews Underway for –

- Residential Rehab
- Family Stabilization at DDS, MCB and DMH



Chapter 257 in GAA

EOHHS

The FY2015 GAA included the following funding for new Ch. 257 projects, including rate reviews –

Service Class	Depts.	FY14 Ch. 257 Spending	FY15 New Ch. 257 Funding	Total FY15 Funding - New Ch. 257 Projects
Adult Long-Term Residential	DDS, MRC, MCB	\$42,861,312	\$128,848,056	\$171,709,368
Clinical and Medical Counseling, Therapy, and Treatment	DPH	\$1,213,816	\$289,654	\$1,503,470
Competitive Integrated Employment Services	DTA, DDS, MRC	\$81,381	\$590,679	\$672,060
Family Resource Centers	DCF, EHS	\$850,000	\$3,005,202	\$3,855,202
Family Transitional Supports	DCF	\$1,702,006	\$176,448	\$1,878,454
Placement and Support Services	DCF, DYS, DDS, MRC, MCB	\$3,125,756	\$4,868,634	\$7,994,390
Chapter 257 Reserve			\$15,013,791	\$15,013,791
Grand Total		\$49,834,271	\$152,792,464	\$202,626,735



SDP and COMMBUYS Updates

- **SDP:** EHS is working with OSD to finalize SDP Policy, Plan and Form for POS. Roll out is anticipated in mid-July for inclusion in FRC RFR and DCF Intensive Foster Care procurement. All POS procurements will come under new policy once issued.
 - Form will be due once a year with UFR filing. If provider is exempt, form will be submitted with UFR exemption request.
 - Providers will be asked to submit copy of completed form with any bid response.
 - 10% of evaluation points do not have to be set aside for SDP plan, but EHS will set expectations for spending.
 - OSD has developed webcast and EHS will ask Agencies to distribute overview of policy and program to providers.
- **COMMBUYS:** Electronic responses required for bids posted on COMMBUYS after July 1. Providers must be registered to submit electronic response. As of July 7th, 210 providers had registered under the 93-14-00 commodity code.

Salary Snapshot Report Update

- Final EOHHS policy was issued this week. It incorporates the changes discussed with the PCAC –
 - Rather than individual entries per employee, data will be aggregated by similar job title.
 - Timing – Annual report due on November 15, which for most providers will be in conjunction with filing of their UFR.
 - First report will be as of first pay period in July 2014.
- Policy has been posted on the EOHHS website. Agencies are sending notices to all of their providers to alert them, and provide additional guidance by program.

UFR Revamp Effort Underway at OSD

- The Operational Services Division is working to refresh the Uniform Financial Report (UFR) eFiling site.
- They have contracted with Gartner, Inc. to complete research to provide a Roadmap and Business Case for the eFile System replacement.
- EOHHS, CHIA and Agencies have been asked to participate by giving interviews to Gartner about current practices. Survey was emailed to current users of eFile site.
- We are also participating on a working group to discuss plans for the replacement, and have strongly suggested that a group be formed outside of the IT effort to redefine some of the fields.
- This project is on a fast track, with the Gartner Roadmap due to OSD by the end of the Summer, and an RFR expected to be issued by the end of September.

Wrap-up, Next Meeting

Next Scheduled Meeting, Matta Conference Room

- October 22, 2014 – 3:00-4:00